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Dear Member of Congress,

On behalf of the Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List), and our 330,000 activists across the country, I would like to commend the House Judiciary Committee for inserting the pro-life Weldon Amendment into H.R. 1249, the America Invents Act.

The Weldon Amendment, first introduced by Rep. Dave Weldon (R-FL) in 2003 and enacted in 2004, ensures that no patents are made on human organisms. This recognizes both current United States Patent and Trademark Office policy and the common-sense understanding that no member of the human species is an "invention," or property to be licensed, bought or sold.

The inclusion of the Weldon Amendment in H.R. 1249 is a significant victory for the pro-life movement. Upon passage by Congress and the president's signature, the amendment will become permanent policy. Under the current appropriations process, the Weldon Amendment must be inserted into funding bills each and every year.

Without the Weldon Amendment inserted into H.R. 1249, the bill would gut the current pro-life policy. Thus, it is imperative that the Weldon Amendment be included in the final bill.

We urge you to secure the Weldon Amendment into H.R. 1249 by opposing any and all hostile amendments.

We are proud to stand by the House Judiciary Committee in their effort to ensure that innocent human life remains sacred and protected.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Marjorie Dannenfelser

Marjorie Dannenfelser
President